

108. (new) The method of claim 1, wherein said *hedgehog* amino acid sequence is represented in the general formula SEQ ID NO:40.

109. (new) The method of claim 1, wherein said polypeptide includes at least 50 amino acid residues of the N-terminal half of a *hedgehog* protein.

110. (new) The method of claim 1, wherein said polypeptide includes at least 100 amino acid residues of the N-terminal half of a *hedgehog* protein.

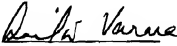
#### REMARKS

Support for the newly added claims may be found in the specification as originally filed, accordingly, no new matter is being entered and entry of this amendments is respectfully requested.

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